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1. Anton Ackermann, member of the Politbüro of the Central Committee of the SED, addressed about 25 members of Berlin's Humboldt University faculty on the afternoon of 12 November 1951. Ackermann talked to the group, all of whom were members of the SED, for about an hour and one quarter. In the two-and-one-half-hour discussion which followed, the speaker confused and surprised his audience by his estimate of the political situation.
2. Ackermann spoke on Lenin's theory that "Imperialism is the highest stage of Capitalism," and linked this with a speech made by Walter Ulbricht on the reconstitution of German imperialism under US guidance.
3. The DDR State Secretary for Foreign Affairs asserted that a peaceful co-existence of the capitalist and socialist system is now no longer possible. He supported this theory by demonstrating many individual cases of the strategy of encirclement of the USSR and the world-wide war preparations of the Western powers.
4. In the discussion that followed, Ackermann dwelt on the effectiveness and prospects of the Council for World Peace. He emphasized that Communist forces prevail in the leadership of the Council, but that the influence of consistent Marxists-Leninists is insufficient. Titoist tendencies are clearly to be seen at work in all Communist Parties, especially those of Italy, France, and West Germany. In all three countries, the Communist Party desires to free itself of USSR leadership and go its own way. The Titoist elements are a majority. The development of the peace movement is especially disappointing in West Germany. Intellectual, bourgeois, and religious circles dominate and are hindering the progress of the Marxist-Leninist cause. Influence over the masses has not yet been achieved; the "Ohne uns" solution has not been pressed successfully; trade unions are allied with vested economic interests; and the mass of the members are non-political or refuse to recognize progressive political thought. The SPD has its members well in hand.
5. Ackermann stated that he considers the holding of all-German elections impossible, since although the USSR is certainly prepared to debate the election law, elections held under UN supervision would under no circum-

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population is not completely opposed to the reconstruction of a German army. The [redacted] can no longer be c [redacted] Communist Party. Parties in Italy and France should not create illusions about the value of these parties in case of war.

7. Ackermann stated positively that he thought war in the foreseeable future is inevitable under these circumstances. He would not let himself be drawn into a discussion of the chances. The speaker closed the meeting with an unconvincing appeal to his listeners to intensify the fight for peace.

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